

HISTORY OF 20TH  
CENTURY CLUB

Thriving Organization Originally Philanthropic, Now Has Many Interests.

## WORKS BY GROUP SYSTEM

Members Enroll in the Sections Whose Courses of Study Interest Them Most.

Twenty-six years ago, a philanthropic society was formed at All Souls' Church, but so well organized was this Twentieth Century Club, and so wide its scope and varied its activities that it soon outgrew its character as a denominational and purely philanthropic society, and branched out into social and civic work, with an extended study course.

The archaeology class, with Mrs. John Lowe as leader, is following out a program which includes the Ice Age, the Paleolithic, Neolithic, and Metal Ages; prehistoric art, people of Italy, Etruria, Herculaneum and Pompeii, Roman remains in Britain, Roman roads, and Roman colonies. During the course of an especially interesting series of lectures delivered before this section, the most modern discoveries in this line of research have been presented, and even the discoveries made among the most ancient ruins were shown to be related to our present-day civilization.

**To Study Art of Florence.**

The art section, whose leader is Mrs. Dayton S. Ward, and whose motto is to "find in Emerson's statement that 'it is the office of art to educate the perception of beauty,' has chosen the art of Florence as its general subject of study for this season, the special topics for study being the makers of Florence, St. Francis of Assisi, Fra Angelico, Botticelli, and the early Renaissance, Dante, Leonardo, the Medici, the Catholic Renaissance, Browning's painter, and the Florence of "Romola."

The civic section, of which Mrs. Gilbert H. Grosvenor is leader and Mrs. Frederick V. Coville, associate leader, has achieved some commendable success in its efforts to bring about the establishment of courses in Red Cross first-aid instruction and the formation of classes in home nursing.

**Educational Section's Work.**

The educational section, under the leadership of Mrs. Theodore L. Cole and Mrs. George F. Bowdoin, has enjoyed lectures by educators, not only of this, but of other cities as well.

Mrs. Ernest P. Bicknell and Mrs. John Van Schaick see to it that no word of English is spoken during the meetings of their French section, organized for the purpose of familiarizing its members with the history and literature of France. A talk by Gustave Flaubert, and the presentation of the French comedy "Les Femmes de Paris" in English, is "English as She is Spoken," are among the recent enjoyable programs in this section.

The parliamentary law class, of which Mrs. E. C. Town is leader, is using as its guide a text-book written by one of its own members, Mrs. Nanette B. Paul. The use of unusual parliamentary terms and the study of common errors to be avoided are among the recent lessons.

In the travel section, under the leadership of Mrs. William F. Ham, experiences in foreign lands are brought back and shared with other members, and those making the trips are encouraged to bring back news notes based on direct observation rather than mere didactic guide book information.

**To Study New Languages.**

Classes have also been given in Italian and Spanish, under Signora Lanelli, and a section on conservation, led by Mrs. Richard W. Brown, leader and Mrs. R. Marshall as associate leader.

The officers for the season of 1916-1917 are Mrs. Edward B. Clark, president; Mrs. Gilbert H. Grosvenor, vice president; Mrs. Lyman B. Swormsted, secretary; Mrs. Frank R. Rutter, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Joy L. Webster, treasurer; Mrs. William F. Woodard is chairman of the program committee; Mrs. George J. Hesseman, chairman of the finance committee; Mrs. George J. Hesseman, chairman of the hospitality committee; Mrs. Raymond B. Morgan, of the press committee; Mrs. Luke C. Strider, of the printing committee; and Mrs. William H. Herron is chairman of the ushers. In addition to officers and committees, there is a board of directors composed of ten members.

**Meetings Held Monthly.**

The general meetings of the club are held at 10:30 o'clock on the first Thursday morning of each month at All Souls' Church, Fourteenth and L streets northwest. The October meeting was addressed by Col. William W. Harts, whose subject, "Washington Beautiful," was illustrated by stereopticon views. Arthur W. Dunn spoke on "Education for Citizenship" at the November meeting. Next Thursday morning the December meeting will be addressed at 11:15 by Mr. Henry S. Graves, forester and chief of the Forest Service, on "Conservation on Its Relation to the Present Cost of Living." He will be followed at 11:45 by Miss Lella Machlin, secretary of the Fine Arts Club and editor of the American Museum of Art, on the subject "Contemporary American Painting," with special reference to the Corcoran Gallery's biennial exhibition, and cordial invitation is extended to all art lovers to attend the meeting. The civic section will meet on the church at 1:15 p. m., following the luncheon.

**Graduate Nurses' Association.**

The District of Columbia Graduate Nurses' Association gave a tea on Thursday afternoon, in honor of Miss Clara B. Noyes, ex-president of the National League of Nursing Education, who has recently been appointed director of the Red Cross nursing service. The tea and reception were given in the clubhouse, 1337 K street northwest, which was decorated with chrysanthemums and autumn leaves. The guests were received by Mrs. Lenah S. Higbie, president of the association, assisted by Miss Georgia Nevins, Miss Nancy Mahan, and Miss Dora E. Thompson. A musical program was rendered by Miss Florence Palmer, Miss Melinda Adams, and Miss Frances Sublett.

**Woman's Single Tax Club.**

The Woman's Single Tax Club held a meeting at the Public Library on Friday evening for the purpose of forming a District branch of the National Single Tax League, which is being organized throughout the United States to succeed the Fels Commission, which will report on December 31, 1916. The principal

## OFFICERS OF TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB



MRS. RAYMOND B. MORGAN,  
Chairman of Press Committee.



MRS. EDWARD B. CLARK,  
President.



MRS. WILLIAM WOOLAR,  
Chairman of Program Committee.

address was made by Mrs. Alice Thacher Post, who told the plans of the Fels commission for an international organization.

The name Single Tax League of the District of Columbia was chosen, and Charles Sumner Davis was elected president; Benjamin F. Lindas, vice president; Sidney Evans, secretary; Mrs. Harriette Hifton King, treasurer. A committee to draft the constitution was appointed, consisting of Elias J. Dekin, Benjamin F. Lindas, Walter I. Swanton, Mrs. Jessie L. Lane, and Miss Flora Raymond.

## Columbia Heights Art Club.

The Columbia Heights Art Club was entertained Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. D. Croissant, 1717 K street northwest. Mrs. Sarah A. Wolhaupter, president of the club, introduced Mrs. Augustus Knight as chairman of the afternoon. After the singing of "America," Mrs. Robert Bruce read a paper on "Georgianism," which was discussed by several members of the club. Mrs. Arthur Wheeler followed with a paper on "The Wives of the Domes," Mrs. Griffith, who has just returned from Paris, extolled the bravery of the French women and also gave an account of her visit in Madrid and told of the paintings of Velasquez. Mrs. Cragie's subject was woman and her possibilities for good in the world. Miss Briggs sang "Wonder Why" and "Golden Eyes." The members responded to roll call with quotations from Browning.

Refreshments were served during the social hour following the program. The afternoon was enjoyed by Mrs. Griffith and Mrs. Cragie.

**P. E. O.**

Chapter A of P. E. O. met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Frank Hornaday, at 3509 Fourteenth street northwest, for the purpose of attending the regular business meeting, a musical program was presented by chapter members as follows: Trio, "Slumber Song," Mrs. Frank Hornaday, Mrs. Alice R. Focht, and Dr. Mary Holmes, accompaniment; prelude from Chopin and a song from MacDowell, Miss Elizabeth Defendorf; "Wine Song," "The Letter," and "Faithful Johnnie," Miss Faye Bumphey; quartet, "Lovely Night," Mrs. Oriana B. Hiller, Mrs. Alice R. Focht, Dr. Mary Holmes, and Mrs. Frank Hornaday.

Chapter B met on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. George L. Peckham, 3177 Eighteenth street northwest. Mrs. Josephine L. Jacobs, president of the Aid Association for the Blind, spoke on the work of her organization, which is supporting the home for the blind at 3050 R street northwest.

Chapter C met with Mrs. Ella Logan at 1253 Irving street northwest on Friday. After the noon luncheon, eighteen members responded to roll call on current events. This being the meeting nearest to Thanksgiving, the annual offering was made to the educational fund which the P. E. O. sustains for the education of poor girls. Mrs. Mary A. Davis was conductor for the day, which was the workings of the Department of Justice.

**Washington Cultus Club.**

The Cultus Club met on November 25 at the home of Mrs. William K. Cooper, 1830 Lamont street. The seventeen members present responded to roll call with current events or quotations on adventure. Mrs. John Mitchell, Jr., presented a paper on "Early Mexico and the Kingdom of Montezuma." Mrs. Charles Stetson spoke on "Mexico Under Spain," and Mrs. A. C. Taylor on "General Description and Resources of Mexico." The meeting was followed by a reading from Prescott's "Conquest of Mexico." The club's guests were Mrs. Meade and Mrs. Robinson.

**D. A. R.**

Mrs. J. Edson Briggs, of Maple square, entertained John Lindsay Chapter at her residence Tuesday night. Mrs. Ellis Logan, regent, called the meeting to order and set upon the names of five prospective members, all of whom were unanimously elected. After a short session, the business meeting adjourned, and the husbands and sons who are always invited to attend were invited to participate in the program. The honor guest of the evening, Henry L. Bryan, vice president of the Sons of the American Revolution, made the address. Following him were Matthew Trumble, James Wright Clarke, Ellis Logan, S. Russell Bowen, and J. Edgar Briggs. The musical program was given by Miss Flora Briggs and Willard F. Haynie. The dining room was assisted by the names of her daughters, Mrs. Hamilton and Miss Briggs, also the Misses Clarke, Towson, Irene Ludwig, and Mrs. Ryan.

**The Busy Woman's Club.**

The Busy Woman's Current Events Club held its first meeting last Monday evening, with a good attendance, although it had been announced on such short notice. Miss Dabney spoke of Marines, and Mrs. Pickering, president of the election and the unusual independence of the voters—labor, progressive, suffragist, and "hyphen"—who refused to be "delivered" by bosses. Miss Dabney mentioned the one of the important recent discoveries, that of aniline oil extracted from soft coal. The hour's talk on current events and discussion of current literature, which will begin promptly at 7:45 o'clock next Monday evening, will be followed by a social hour of music and recitations.

CLUB ACTIVITIES  
FOR NEAR FUTURE

Coming Events in Club World Include a Varied List of Plans.

## Woman's Peace Party.

The Woman's Peace Party will hold a business meeting at the New Exhibit next Monday afternoon at 3:30. There will be an election of delegates, and all members are requested to be present.

## Woman's Single Tax Club.

The Woman's Single Tax Club will meet next Monday evening at 8 o'clock with Mrs. Jennie L. Munroe, at 150 A street northeast.

## United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Stonewall Jackson Chapter, U. D. C., will hold a needlework sale and tea next Monday afternoon from 1 o'clock to 3:30 at Confederate Memorial Home, 1322 Vermont avenue northwest.

## P. E. O.

Chapter A will meet on December 13 with Misses Elizabeth and Katharine Beresford, 126 Eleventh street southeast.

## Chapter B will meet on December 13

with Mrs. Mabelle E. Sterns, at 1833 Lamont street northwest.

## Chapter C will meet next Friday

with Mrs. Myra Conway, at 200 A street southeast.

## Chapter D will meet next Thursday

with Mrs. A. G. Judson at 25 T street northwest.

## Columbia Heights Art Club.

The Columbia Heights Art Club will meet next Thursday with Mrs. Euphemia Baker at 1300 Q street northwest.

## Petworth Woman's Club.

The civic committee of the Petworth Woman's Club will hold a Christmas party next Monday evening in the school building.

## Woman's Alliance.

The Woman's Alliance of All Souls' Church will hold their annual bazaar and Christmas sale at the New Willard next Monday and Tuesday. The Christmas sale will open Monday evening at 5 o'clock with dancing and cards. Tickets admitting one or two, one dollar. There will be an all day sale, luncheon and dance on Tuesday, for which there will be no admission fee. Children's hour from 3 to 5. Tickets and card tables may be secured of Mrs. L. Morrill, 1317 Kilbourne place. Other members of the committee in charge are Mrs. C. F. Robbins, Miss Catherine E. Newton and Mrs. Caleb S. Miller.

## D. A. R.

Meetings of the Daughters of the American Revolution for the following week will be held as follows: Monday—Capt. Mollie Pitcher and Ruth Brewster. Tuesday—Frances Scott and Patriots Memorial. Thursday—Major L'Enfant.

## The District Regents of the D. A. R.

will give a reception in honor of Mrs. Galus Grunbaum at the Raleigh Hotel, December 8 from 8 to 11 o'clock. The District regents are to be hostesses, and Mrs. Henry Church, III, Cook, regent of Independence Bell Chapter, will present the official pin to the state regent, Mrs. Brumbaugh. The State officers will assist in receiving. All District daughters are cordially invited to attend.

## League of American Penwomen.

The December business meeting of the League of American Penwomen will be held next Monday evening in the study room of the Public Library. The subject for discussion at the Round Table will be "My Newspaper Experiences," led by Mrs. Rachel Tongate Beck. The discussions will be limited to five minutes.

## Woman's Beneficent Society.

The People's Non-Sectarian Church will hold a sock sale next Monday evening at the W. C. T. U. parlors, 522 Sixth street northwest, for the benefit of the Travelers' Aid and other philanthropic movements to which the society contributes.

## Aid Association for the Blind.

The Aid Association for the Blind will give a card party on Monday afternoon and a dance on the same evening, at the Raleigh Hotel.

## Woman's Peace Party.

The Woman's Peace Party will hold an important business meeting at the New Exhibit on Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Delegates will be elected, and all members are urged to be present.

**National Rivers and Harbors Congress.**

The National Rivers and Harbors Congress of the District Federation

FEDERATION NEWS  
OF MONTGOMERY CO.

Clubs of Nearby Maryland Towns Have Definite Lines of Work.

## Home Interest Club, Takoma Park.

The Home Interest Club of Takoma Park held its November meeting at the home of Mrs. Skinner, with contributions for Mrs. Meen's linen closet as roll call. After parliamentary drill, routine business, and three-minute talks on Argentina, Mrs. Eggleston gave an interesting and exhaustive paper on "The Girl Scout Movement," a subject on which she is a well-recognized authority in Washington. Mrs. Wright followed with a talk on "The Boy Scout Movement." On Friday, November 24, the club gave a food sale in the interest of the Community Club house fund.

## Dickerson Round Table.

The Round Table Club of Dickerson met with the Misses Dickerson on Tuesday, November 21. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Thomas F. Chiswell presided. A paper was read by Miss Nana Hays on "Catharine de Medici," and one by Miss Pauline Hays on "William Dean Howells." Current events were given by the hostess.

## Silver Spring Co-operative Society.

The Ladies' Co-operative Society of Silver Spring met at the home of the treasurer, Mrs. Herbert Clavel, with Mrs. W. S. Newman presiding. The committee appointed to work for the placing of signals near the schools and at danger points on the roads in Silver Spring reported progress, with the outlook promising for an early completion of plans. The committee having in charge the recent card party at the armory, reported an enjoyable and successful affair. The meeting adjourned to meet at the home of Miss Alice Harwood on December 1.

## As You Like It Club, Germantown.

The As You Like It Club of Germantown held its November meeting at the home of Mrs. James H. Jones on November 17. A number of visitors were present, among whom was Mrs. Upton Nourse, who presented the needs of the Social Service League in an impressive manner. The dramatic committee reports that a play is to be presented on December 5 at Waters' Hall in Germantown, the proceeds to go for civic improvement.

The civic committee reports good progress in laying the walks.

**Woman's Club of Bethesda.**

The Woman's Club of Bethesda met on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. C. Adkins, Oak place, Bethesda, Md. A paper on Alaska, written by Mrs. Roy Chase, was read by Mrs. Edmund Ellis, and readings were given by Mrs. Maude Howell Smith.

## SUFFRAGE NOTES

Plans of Local Suffrage Organizations.

## Anthony League.

The Anthony League will be "at home" to members and friends at the home of Mrs. Anna E. Handley, 2007 Columbia road, on Tuesday from 3 to 6 o'clock. Arthur E. Holder, chairman of the legislative committee of the American Federation of Labor, will be the speaker at the December meeting of the league next Thursday evening.

## Congressional Union.

During the coming session of Congress, Miss Anne Martin, Mrs. Irving Joller, and Miss Maud Younger will have charge of the lobby work, which will be the main feature of the winter's work.

Miss Grace Needham, elected chairman at last Sunday's meeting, will be in general charge of the District branch of the union work, succeeding Miss Emily Parker Stearns, who served as acting chairman for several months.

Mrs. John Jay White will be in charge of hospitality, and at her home dinners and teas will be given in honor of visitors to the city.

Miss Lillian Burns will be in charge of the literary part of the work. Mrs. Abby Scott Baker will act as press chairman.

IMPORTANT MEETING  
OF D. C. FEDERATION

Reports Heard From Chairmen of Various Committees.

The November meeting of the District Federation of Women's Clubs was held at the New Exhibit last Tuesday evening. Reports were heard from Mrs. Lydia Adams Williams, chairman of conversation; Dr. Margaret Huddleston, chairman of recreation; Mrs. Louise Earl, chairman of child welfare; Miss Catherine Garst, chairman of political science; Mrs. Frank Fuller, chairman of vocational training; Mrs. B. M. Conley, for the Takoma Park Civic Study Club, which is endeavoring to get a swimming pool for that section, and Mrs. Josephine Rich, chairman of vital statistics. Mrs. J. J. Locher, chairman of motion pictures, reported that the play "Robinson Crusoe" had been engaged for Christmas week, and urged that the new project be encouraged by liberal patronage among the women of the federation.

Miss Ellen Hugg, speaking for Mrs. J. Edson Briggs, chairman of the committee on home economics, who was unable to be present, announced a plan for the distribution of certificates and prizes to the faithful servants of the city, in accordance with the contest which the federation had been conducting for several weeks past. The certificates are to be headed with a cut of the Capitol, the name of the federation, the federation seal, and the new federation colors, red, white and blue.

Just before the meeting adjourned, Miss Jessie L. Lane, of Riverside, Md., president of the Woman's Single Tax Club, read a letter from Secretary Newton D. Baker, emphatically denying the accusations made against him.

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On one side, are the railroads of the United States representing a capitalization of twenty billions of dollars, and employing more than one and a half million persons, combined to fight the Adamson Law by injunction. They are supported by a new eight billion dollar organization of business men, called the National Industrial Conference Board, who give employment to nearly seven million persons. On the other side, are four hundred thousand members of four great Brotherhoods, backed by nearly four hundred thousand other workers and by the two million members of the American Federation of Labor.

With such an alignment there are ominous possibilities of a tremendous labor war this winter.

The railroad companies, according to one of their official spokesmen, "are agreed to fight to the end," against the enforcement of the Adamson law, while Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, says warningly "You throw down the gauntlet and we accept the challenge. When the time comes it will be another case of 'Lay on Macduff and damn'd be him that cries 'Hold, enough.'"

In THE LITERARY DIGEST for December 2d, the leading article presents this subject from all angles, not forgetting the part that the public is bound to experience.

There are other feature articles covering important problems now in the public mind, among which are:

## The Whole World On Short Rations

Reasons Advanced For, and Remedies Suggested to Cut the Cost of Living

Our Terms to Mexico  
Francis Joseph's Reign  
Holland Wants Us to Lead Neutral  
Nations in Protest  
More and More "Zeppelins"  
Tin Cans As Furnace-Fodder  
Medical Movies  
Mr. Roosevelt Discovers a New  
Hyphenism  
Boston and Billy Sunday

Lord Grey Whitens the Blacklist  
The U-Boat Problem Again  
Germany's Declining Man-Power  
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appear to be the facts is the best way to arrive at the truth, but no one has the time or the energy to dream of attempting this. THE LITERARY DIGEST actually does this for you every week and presents you with an impartial survey of the results, leaving you to form your own conclusions. It gives you all sides of all the great questions of the day without an atom of partisan bias, and makes you the judge and jury. Buy it today and do your own thinking.

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